SICK SAILORS ON COLLIER

DAY IS DULL SOCIALLY Official Washington, Except at Russian

Official Washington, Except at Russian Embassy, Observes Lent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, February 25.—The only place in Washington to-day where it was not Ash Wednesday was the Russian embassy, where, under the Greek Church calendar, their Lent does not begin for several weeks. The Russian ambassador and Madame Bakhmeteff entertained at dinner, thereford in honor of the President and Mrs. Mar-

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HEARING ON JONES BILL

Garrison and Yeager Invited to Appear Before Committee.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., February 25.—Congressman William A. Jones, of Virginia, chairman of the House Insular Affairs Committee, to-day invited Secretary of War Garrison and Governor Yeager, of Porto Rico, to appear before his committee to-morrow for a hearing on Mr. Jones's bill to provide a civil government for Porto Rico designed to substitute the present organic law of the Islands. The Jones

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of the Russian embassy

were present.

Outside of the Russian embrache day was the dullest socially the season. Save for several infortuncteons, there was absolutely social events of importance.

CONSUL ORDERED TO DEMAND BODY OF DEAD AMERICAN

Federals Kill Clemente Vergara Near Hidalgo.

BENTON'S REMAINS TOBEEXAMINED

Bryan Makes Inquiry as to Exact Location of Grave-Secretary of State Discusses Entire Mexican Situation With Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

American Reports Bauch Still in Jail

El Paso, Texas, February 25.—A Michaelis, who gave his address as 236 Vernon Street Brooklyn and who said his father was a director of the Union Trust Company, of Brooklyn, late to-day was released from the Juarez jail. He said Gustav Bauch was still there.

Michaelis was imprisoned cleven days ago after a fist fight. In jail, he said, were the following Americans beside Bauch: Edward Trabard, Matt Giddins, H. T. Davis, V. E. Goodman, and a railroad man named Thornton.

Washington, February 25.—The Mexican situation, which, in the last few days, has centred chiefly on efforts to determine how and why the Constitution of the constitut tionalists executed William S. Benton, a British subject, to-day was broad-ened when Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, was instructed to inquire into he hanging by Mexican Federals of . lemente Vergara, an American citizen.

The consul was directed by the State Department to demand the body of the ad American from officers of Huerta government in the vicinity of Hidalgo, Mexico, where Vergara was killed. Earlier in the day Marion Letcher, American sonsul at Chihuahua, had been instructed to insist that Gen-eral Villa permit the delivery of the body of Benton to the widow for burial

where she may wish.

These, with an explanation by Secreary Bryan to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of all the State De-partment's information on the Benton incident and Mexico generaly, consti-tuted the principal developments of the

may be performed. Secretary Bryan told the Senators that the United States was insisting that two American representatives be permitted to see the

terwards. The same army surgeon, who will be detailed by General Scott, at Fort Bliss, to act with the Eritish consul, Charles A. S. Perceval, when he arrives at El Paso, will report to the American government on the con-dition of the Benton corpse.

The British ambassador early to-day Redfield Points to Foremost Influence

consideration by high administration

officials. It has developed that the American government is informally looking to General Venustiano Carranza, as titular head of the Constitutionalists' movement, to clarify the situation in connection with the Benton killing.

The news that Luis Cabrera was at Juarez, conferring with Villa's friends, urging the immediate delivery of the body for examination was received with satisfaction by the State Department. Cabrera is understood to be an emissary from Carranza, and, it is said, the State Department on previous oc-casions has benefitted by his activities for protection of foreigners. Should Carranza's influence with life.

stance, it is admitted by many officials, the American government will regard the problem in Northern Mexico having developed a much more serious

aspect than before.

Armed Guards at Legations. Another aspect of the situation engaging attention here is the sending to Mexico City of armed legation guards of foreign nations. The possibillty of complications over their presances in Moxico City, is being taken in-to consideration. While the suggestion | February 20. sending a guard for the American embassy was rejected as unnecessary JACK LONDON AS DRY LEADER she said, and the delegates laughed in two weeks ago, it now is being dis-

Secretary Bryan took the Senate com Secretary Bryan took the Senate committe into his confidence on the Mexican situation in general, and the Benton execution in particular, and also discussed the foreign relations of the nation as pertaining to other countries, (Continued On Third Page.)

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NEW SENATOR FROM GEORGIA OLD-TIME DARKIES

W. S. West, Lawyer, of Valdosts, Appointed by Governor Slaton.

Atlanta, Ga., February 25.—W. S. West, a lawyer, of Valdosta, Ga., late to-day was appointed by Governor John M. Slaton as United States Senator to succeed the late Senator A. O. Bacon. Mr. West will serve until next November, when a State election will be held. Indications are that there will be a multitude of candidates for the Georgia vacancy. Senator Bacon's term would not have expired until 1919.

Mr. West was a delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention at Denver in 1908. From 1892, until that year, he served in both houses of the State Legislature and was president of the State Senator in 305-06. The newly appointed Senator is sixty-five years old. He was born in Marion County, Ga. After he was graduated from the academic department of Mercer University, Mr. West taught school for several years, returning later to the same institution and taking a degree in the law department.

No Contest Can Develop.
Washington, February 25.—No conset over the scating of W. S. West as enator from Georgia to succeed the te Senator Bacon can develop in the enate, as the appointment was made nder the Georgia law recently enacted or such emergencies.

Howard Elliott and Department of Jus-tice Officials Will Confer To-Day. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, February 25.—Howard Washington, February 25.—Howard Elliott, chalrman of the board of directors of the Boston and Maine Railrocad, is expected here to-morrow morning to attend a conference between officials of the Department of Justice and representatives of the New Haven. It is indicated by those interested in the dissolution proceedings that the five trustees to dissolve the stock-ownership between the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the Boston and Maine will be named at the conference.

Surgeon to Examine Body.

General Villa's message of last night, offering to permit the widow of Benton or relatives and an American official to see the body when exhumed, is taken by the American government to mean that a complete medical examination may be performed. Secretary Bryan ference.

T. W. Gregory, special assistant to the Autorney-General, stated there would be little likelihood of letting the matter go to a later date. "Everything seems to be in readliness for the naming of the five trustees," he said, "and I think an agreement will be reached at the conference which Mr. Elilott will attend."

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TO ADVANCE PROHIBITION

body, and that one of these be an army surgeon. He also has made inquiry as to exactly where the grave is located dieneral Villa late to-day had not replied to the last request of Secretary Bryan for the surrender of Benton's body, but it is understood Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, for the present will be satisfied if there is an opportunity for an autopsy to determine whether Benton was shot by a pistol bullet or by rife bullets from a firing squad.

It is thought the British ambassador is anxious that evidence be obtained first, belleving discussion of the disposition of the body can be taken up afterwards. The same army surgeon, who will be detailed by General Scatt.

INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLY

The British ambassador early to-day had a brief conference with Secretary Bryan, and later was kept informed of messages received by the State Department.

No Change of Policy.

That no change of policy in connection with the treatment of the Mexican problem was discussed in the Senate conference with Secretary Bryan, became known afterwards. It is apparent, however, that, while officials are not prejudging the Benton affair and are waiting for facts, the danger to the safety of foreigners in Northern Mexico and what is being construed as inability of a part of the Constitutionalists, at least to prevent international complications, is receiving deep consideration by high administration

WANT 'HAPPY HANK'TO RETURN

CAPITAL STOCK REDUCED

Certificate Filed by A. C. L. of Connecticut at Wartford.

Hartford, Conn., February 25.—Filed
in the office of the Secretary of State
to-day was a certificate of reduction
in the capital stock of the Atlantic
Coast Line Company of Bridgeport,
10.110.000 to 15. 220.000 and page Coast Line Company of Bridgeport from \$12,640,000 to \$8,820,000, and par value of each share from \$100 to \$50. The reduction is in accordance with ence in case of overt acts or disturb- a vote taken at the annual stockhold-

Would Accept Prohibition Nomination

WILEY OFFERS HIS AID

New Law Needed to Offset "Bleached Flour" Decision of Supreme Court. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, February 25.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former government pure food expert, to-day offered to co-operate with Congress in the establishment of a new law which would offset the "bleached flour" decision of the Supreme Court. This offer was made after Dr. Wiley made the statement that the Supreme Court's opinion had "killed the pure food and drugs law." "The food and drugs act must be made so specific by Congress," said Dr. Wiley, that any form of adulteration can be punished. The proposition that only adulterated foods which have been shown to be injurious to health are liable is a body blow at the law. "Should Congress prepare a new law covering all adulterations, I would be glad to render any assistance in my power." Dr. Wiley cited the Johnson cancer case as precedent for the strengthen. SING THEIR SONGS FOR EDUCATORS

Teachers Shriek Approval Like Children on Holiday Eve.

WOMEN FEATURE **EVENING PROGRAM**

with string of the second time and time and the second time and time and the second time and the second time and the second time and the second ti

like mothers whiling the hour away be-fore the children are put to bed. Without art or attempt at striking effect, each told the story of what she had experiments really, but results that are showing in Washington State to-day. Mrs. Susie V. Powell, State Agent of Girls' Clubs, Jackson, Miss., gave a simple and touching account of what such an apparently little thing as a girls' canning club in the back country had done for those among whom she is spending her life and endeavor. And Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, Superintendent of Rowan County, Ky., who has made a mark for herself in the educational world, and whose work may form the basis of a new system of reaching the rural population, told of how she had varied the Kentucky pro-

The squadron, it is planned, will travel about the country spending about three days in whirlwind campaigns in each of the largest cities and State capitals. trate some of the good she has accom-plished. This girl, interested in a canning club, surveyed and mapped out a small acreage, raised her vegetables, canned them, and carned \$200. But it was not the mere money she carned. It was the mental, moral and physical stimulus she received that counted in the end. The work called for all her energies and capabilities, and she learn. accounts, and then to speak in public -all from canning vegetables. It was a simple story, but it sank deep in the minds of the audience.

Mrs. Preston talked of her work as superintendent in Washington State. When she assumed her difficult task she found the rural problem difficult. So she outlined a plan of public education by asking each county superinof his districts around the natural community centres, and begin a series Post-Office Officials Will Aid CumberInnd Citizens in Search.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, February 25.—After a conference between Congressman David J. Lewis and Postmaster-General Burleson, post-office officials to-day-cullisted in the movement started by the citizens of Cumberland, Md., to bring H. S. Hayward, political writer of the Daily News, back to that city.
"Happy Hank," as he was known, was driven out of town by a "poison letter" writer, who threatened to make public the fact that Hayward had served five years in jail for forgery. He left the penitentiary seven years ago and since has led an exemplary life. of community meetings of a social and ing bullt over the whole State, made so comfortable that one young teacher took his bride to the cottage, though they had to leave the grand plano The cottage was too small for both bride and piano, and he kept the

> Better than the imaginings of fiction turned Rowan County, Ky., into a big night school, and reduced illiteracy to a minimum. Though the results of her work were marvelous, she said she would not indulge in the Kentuckian's prerogative of daring her audience not to believe her. "I have the proofs," belief and sympathy, too.

"Moonlight" Scholars. In her first moonlight school there vere 1,200 pupils. In one of the schools there was an eight-year-old girl, and near her sat another girl eighty-six years old. In the second session nearly the whole illiterate portion of the (Continued On Seventh Page.)

SOUTHERN STATES SHIVER IN GRIP OF SNOWSTORM

Dower." Dr. Wiley cited the Johnson cancer case as precedent for the strengthening by Congress of the pure food laws. In this case Congress passed an amendment to the food and drugs act prohibiting the circulation of false claims by patent medicine manufacturers.

as far South as Southern Georgia, and reached to the Gulf States. Weather Bureau records for from eight to twenty years were broken. Falling temperatures accompanied the storm in

washington, February 25.—Pennsylvania led all States in the number of national banks applying for membership in the new Federal reserve banking system, according to figures given out to-night by the Treasury Department. Of the 7,465 applications received, 835 came from Pennsylvania banks, while the next nearest was Texas with 518 applicants. Arizona and Nevada divided honors for last place, with ten applications each. The District of Columbia had twelve, New York had 479.

Applications by Southern States follow: low:
Virginia, 121; West Virginia, 118;
North Carolina, 71; South Carolina, 49;
Georgia, 115; Florida, 51; Alabama, 90;
Mississippi, 34; Louisiana, 30; Texas,
518; Arkansas, 57; Kentucky, 144; Tennessee, 110. Total, 1,518.

Ice and Sleet Covering.

In addition to a heavy snowfall in South Carolina, the country around Charleston was covered with a coating of ice and sleet. Snow changed to sleet in the day, causing progress on the streets of the city to be difficult for pedestrians and traffic.

Birmingham, Montgomery and other Alabama cities were affected by the snowstorm. More than four inches fell in the former city.

they may be sent to 'raney Island, where Norfolk sends al. smallpox patients.

cury dropped below the freezing point during the night at Corpus Christi, and PLANS TO CELEBRATE PEACE Galveston reported the heaviest snow storm in twenty years.

At Memphis the average temperature to-day was 28 degrees, with snow pre-dicted for late to-night or to-morrow.

Streets Covered With Ice. Charleston, S. C., February 25.-inches of snow to-day fell here. snowfall was followed by a sleet and rainstorm; and to-night the city's streets are covered with a glasslike

Another Fall Threatened [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Danville, Va., February 25.-At 4 clock this morning the thermometers on Main Street registered 11 degrees, the lowest temperature experienced here during the present season. Lowering gray clouds overcast the skies t sundown to-night, and another snowfall threatens, with thermometer stand-

Snow at Greensboro.

Greensboro, N. C., February 25.—
Snow, which began falling here at 8:30 Receive Informally at White House.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch]
Washington, February 25.—For the
first time since her return from New
Hampshire, Mrs. Wilson did not receive informally at the White House
in the late afternoon. It could not be
ascertained whether or not Mrs. Wilson is to abandon those informal teas
during Lent, or only to-day, because
of it being Ash Wednesday.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Taft both
observed Lent very strictly, and while
they occasionally had friends in to
luncheon and dinners during Lent, they
did not entertain informally. o'clock to-night, had covered the ground to a depth of one inch at 10

First Snow of Season.
Wilmington, N. C., February 25—
Snow, accompanied by sleet and some
rain, perhaps to the depth of an inch
and a half fell here to day, the first
of appreciable quantity during the seaof appreciation quantity son, continuing to-night with slightly rising temperature from a minimum of 19 degrees for the day. Reports to the 19 degrees for the day. Reports to the Atlantic Coast Line Railway headquar-ters here indicate snow over all dis-tricts of its lines, not yet, however, with any serious interruption to traffic

First Snow of Season.

Bristol, Va., February 25.—A heavy snowstorm swept over this section to-night. Although the mountains that hem Bristol on every side have been capped with snow for days, Bristol got its first snow fall to-night, several inches now being on the ground. The snow continues to fall rapidly.

No Indication of Cessation.

Greenville, S. C., February 25.—Snow, which began falling here at 3 o'clock this afternoon, had covered the ground to a depth of several inches to-night, and at 10 o'clock there was no indication of cessation.

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Former Police Meutenant.

New York, February 25.—District Attorney Charles S. Whitman will not personally assume the responsibility of letting Charles Becker go free on the charge of murdering the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, it was learned tonight. At least, it was indicated that the prosecutor's present intention is to move for a second trial of the former police lieutenant, whose conviction as Rosenthal's slayer was set aside by the State Court of Appeals yesterday.

Records for From Eight to Twenty Years
Shattered.

TURNS TO SLEET
IN MANY SECTIONS

No Serious Interruptions of Traffic Reported, but Trains in Numerous Localities Behind
Their Schedules—Wire Service Between Georgia and Florida Demoralized.

Atlanta, Ga., February 25.—The South and Southeast to-night shivered in the grip of a general snowstorm which blanketed the Atlantic Scaboard as far South as Southeas Georgia, and reached to the Gulf States. Weather

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MALONE IN WASHINGTON

Flood Will Introduce Bill Providing Commission to Arrange Details.

Commission to Arrange Details.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, D. C., February 25.—
Congressman Hal Flood, of Virginia, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs will to-morrow introduce a bill for the appointment of a commission to formulate plans for the celebration in Washington and elsewhere of the Treaty of Ghent.

The bill will authorize the President to appoint three members, the Vice-The snowfall was the carry to appoint three members, the Vice-fresident three members and the Speaker three members of the commission, which will be known as the Peace Centennary Celebration Commission. The Vice-President and Speaker of the The Vice-President and Speaker of the House are to be ex-officio members.

The commission, when appointed, will confer with other commissions or committees which may be formed by other countries, and report to Congress plans for the celebration.

The commission is to serve without salary, but \$25,000 is to be appropriated for clerical and other expenses. The plan has the hearty indorsement of Secretary of State Bryan, and the Flood bill represents the wishes of the State Department.

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HUFF FACES COURT-MARTIAL

o'clock to hight, had covered the ground to a depth of one inch at 10 o'clock, and was still falling. The official thermometer here showed a minimum temperature of 15 degrees above zero to-day, this being within 1 degree of the coldest day of the winter,

Coldest February 25 on Record.

Lynchburg, Va., February 25.—The Weather Bureau thermometers here registering 9 degrees last night, Lynchburg to-day experienced the coldest weather on February 25 since the establishment of the government record in 1871. There was no snow here to-day.

Naval Commander to Be Tried for Assault on Citizen.

Washington, February 25.—Secretary Daniels to-day ordered the trial, by court-martial, of Lieutenant-Commander Charles F. Huff, of the navy, charged with assaulting J. Philip Klesecker in a hotel at Newport News, Va., on February 15. The alleged assault was committed the morning after a Vallentine party in the hotel at which the naval officer is said to have objected to Klesecker dancing with Mrs. Huff.

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DECLINES APPOINTMENT

T. A. Williams Will Not lie Deputy
Collector of Income Taxes.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, February 25,—T. A. Williams, of Falls Church, who was recommended by Senator Martin and 20 per 6

NEXT MOVE IN BECKER CASE | MONEY OF STATE SPENT WITHOUT SIGN OF CONTROL

Boards and Departments Independent of Legislature.

EXPENDITURES NOT PASSED UPON

Weaver Points Out How Funds Derived From Taxpayers Are Utilized Without Authority From Assembly - Wants People to Know Where Every Dollar Goes.

More than \$150,000 of money, raised from the taxpayers of this State every year, is utilized by departments and without any regulation or control by the General Assembly, and without any twenty years were broken. Falling temperatures accompanied the storm in many sections, the snow turning to sleet.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

While no serious interruptions of traffic were reported early to-night many trains were behind their schedules in localities where the snowfall was heaviest. Wire service was demoralized between Georgia and Florida points early in the ovening, and it was impossible at that time to establish communication with Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla.

The heaviest snowfall was reported in Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina. At Ma on, Ga., the precipitation reached a depth of six inches, while an almost equal amount was reported at Augusta and South Carolina. At Ma on, Ga., the precipitation reached a depth of six inches, while an almost equal amount was reported at Augusta and South Carolina. At Ma on, Ga., the precipitation reached a depth of six inches, while an almost equal amount was reported at Augusta and South Carolina. At Ma on, Ga., the precipitation reached a depth of six inches, while an almost equal amount was reported at Augusta and Savannah. In Louisiana and Mississippi the snow began falling about noon, and at nightfall it had been recorded from a trace in the extreme South to six inches in the Northern section. Thermometers at New Orleans, Mobile and other Gulf ports hovered about the freezing point, and the snow melted as it fell.

It eand Steel Covering.

MALONE IN WASHINGTON item of the expenditures appearing in

ment of Agriculture and Immigration received last year from the special fertilizer tax \$77.514.46, which it expended absolutely without any supervision or control of the General Assembly, and as an item entirely in addition to the amounts provided for that department in the appropriation act; that the State Dalry and Food Department received last year from a special tax on sleet in the day, causing progress on the streets of the city to be difficult for pedestrians and traffic.

Birmingham, Montgomery and other Alabama cities were affected by the snowstorm. More than four inches fell in the former city.

While snow fell in the Southern part of North Carolina, low temperatures in the northern section of the State, as well as in Tennessee and Alabama, caused the precipitation to be very light.

Fair West of the Mississippi.

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Memphis, Tenn., February 25.—While the Southeast and Central Gulf States

President Wilson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, February 25.—Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, journeyed down to Washington to-day to discuss New York State bidiscuss New York State believed to the furtherance of New York, journeyed down to Washington to-day to discuss New York State believed to the furtherance of the administration's plans for the daministration of the New York State Democracy.

"I do not know whether Governor Glynn wants a second term," said Mr. Malone, following the conference. "If he does not, I should think that either Prankiln Roosevelt, John Hennessy or taxes, over which the General Assembly has no supervision, and which may be expended as these boards see fit.

Wants Honest State Dalry and Food Department received last year from a special tax on flour mills \$18.423.18; the Bureau of Insurance \$24.496.45, from a special tax on insurance companies, and the Bureau of Banking \$19.205 from a tax on banks. In addition, the State being the Conference. "If does not, I should think that either Prankiln Roosevelt, John Hennessy or taxes, over which the General Assembly has no supervision, and which may be expended as these boards see fit.

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Memphis, Tenn., February 25.—While the Southeast and Central Gulf States to-day shivered, with some sections experiencing their first snow and sleet storms in years, fair and comparatively mild weather prevailed west of the Mississippi River. At Oklahoma City the Weather Bureau station thermometers recorded 42 degrees above zero late to-day; Shreveport, La., reported the weather "pleasant," and throughout Texas the weather was moderating after a few sensationally low temperatures in the extreme southern portion of the State last night. For the first time in years, the mercury dropped below the freezing point. because their projects were considered unnecessary or extravagant by those set to guard the public funds, these boards had laughed in their sleeves at the General Assembly, snapped their fingers at the Committees on Appropriations, and proceeded to carry out their projects from their own funds derived from special taxes paid direct-

> Bank Bill Under Discussion. Mr. Weaver's remarks came up on discussion of the Montague bank bill, which was before the House of Deleout final action. The House amended the bill by reducing the proposed sal-ary of the Commissioner of Banking from \$4,000 to \$3,000, the sum now paid to this official under the title of Chief. Bank Examiner. The change in name, it was stated, was to avoid constitu tional objections to raising an official's salary during his term. Amendments officed by Mr. Pennington, of Lee, reducing the assessment on banks of small capital were pending when the House adjourned. There is strong opposition to the bill from those who fear it is a measure in the interests of the larger national banks, as against small tal. A motion to lay the bill with all amendments on the table was defeated

He is now charged in naval terms with "maltreating an inhabitant" and "seandalous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals."

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Collector of Income Taxes.

ISpecial to The Times-Dispatch.1
Washington, February 25,—T. A. Williams, of Falls Church, who was recommended by Senator Martin and Swanson and Congressman Carlin for appointment as deputy collector of income taxes in Virginia, and later appointed, has declined to accept the appointed, has declined to accept